the House that such difficulties would receive the immediate attention of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Thanks.

Departments of Public Health and Panchayats—amalgamation of.

130. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the actual gain to the Government by the amalgamation of the two Departments of Panchayat and Public Health?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Nearly Rs. 6,000 a year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—With your permission question Nos. 130 and 131 on the same subject may be clubbed together and I may be allowed to put supplementary questions.

Mr. President.—Yes.

131. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the actual saving of money made by the Government by the amalgamation of the Panchayat and Public Health Department?

(b) the amount of pay which the Panchayat Registrar was getting before amalgamation ;

(c) the amount of pay on which the Public Health Director was originally appointed?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) Nearly Rs. 6,000 a year.

(b) Rs. 280 in the grade of Rs. 250—300.

(c) Rs. 200—400.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—It is stated in answer to sub-section (c) to question No. 131 that the amount of pay on which the Public Health Director was originally appointed was Rs. 200—400. May I know whether that appointment was made after calling for applications for filling up the post advertising the pay also ?

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Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Was it in response to that application that the present incumbent was appointed to that post?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—May I know what pay was given to him on appointment?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—Rs. 200.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—May I know what he is now drawing?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—Rs. 700.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—May I know the date of his first appointment? Year, please, if the date is not available. I know the date.

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member has made a statement which rules the question out.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—What is the incremental scale per year of Rs. 200—400?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—Rs. 40.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Was it not on the first of Chingom 1108 that the Public Health Director was appointed on Rs. 200?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—It is not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Was it not in 1108?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—How happened he to reach the figure Rs. 700 in the course of 4 years starting on Rs. 200?

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Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—He definitely put before the Government that in view of the qualifications possessed by the Director the scale may be raised. The Government answered that since there was financial stringency with the pay cut, it was not possible. Later on it was raised to Rs. 450 to 650. When the Panchayat Department was clubbed to the Public Health Department he was raised to the first grade.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether there is anything on record to show that it was on this assurance that the present incumbent accepted the post on Rs. 200?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*—How happened he to be raised to Rs. 450 to Rs. 650? Was it in keeping with the assurance?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know when that was done?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—I am sorry I cannot give the exact date.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ehuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Year or rather how many years this side of 1108?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—About 2 years.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Was it not on the first of Chingom 1109 that he was given Rs. 450 —650 grade?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Was it not in 1109?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether it was during the days of the Diwanship of

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the late Rao Bahadur Kasturiranga Iyer the change was effected?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether before that date the present incumbent had asked for increase?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Certainly not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Were there not four petitions to get the increase during the period of Mr. Herbert?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*—No.

Original works sanctioned by the Government—Panchayats—during 1111 and 1112—particulars regarding.

132. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the amount sanctioned by the Government for original works to each of the Panchayats in the State during 1111 and 1112;

(b) whether any amount mentioned in (a) had lapsed in 1111 or would lapse in 1112;

(c) whether the work the amount for which lapsed, had been provided for either in 1112 or 1113?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) The Hon'ble Member's attention is invited to the items of the printed Panchayat programmes attached to the budgets for the years 1111 and 1112.

(b) Yes.

(c) A list of works lapsed in 1111 is appended. *(Appendix I.)* Items Nos. 5 and 27 of the list were provided for in 1112 and item Nos. 13, 15, 19, 20, 26 and 28 have been provided for in 1113.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—With regard to item No. 6 in appendix I, may I know whether this work was not given on contract as a matter of fact?

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